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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **CAMP JOSEPH PAIGE DISTURBANCE**

This is to advise your Board of a disturbance that occurred at Camp Paige on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at approximately 10:45 a.m. At the time of the incident, 15 minors who were attending Catholic services were dismissed to the Camp Paige recreation area. Preliminary information indicates that the incident may have been racially motivated as a minor was heard yelling out "Sur" (fight call for Southern gang members) when the 15 minors reached the "blacktop" recreation area and began fighting. In the recreation area, there were 48 youth present at the time of the incident; the 33 minors who were not involved, immediately responded to staff instruction to "take a knee."

A total of six (6) staff were on duty, with four (4) assigned to supervise the area where the incident occurred. Camp Paige staff, with the assistance of Camp Afflerbaugh staff, quickly quelled the incident through the use of verbal commands and staff presence. No outside law enforcement assistance was required.

Minors involved have been examined and cleared by medical staff. As of this time, one (1) minor was taken to the hospital for a nose injury, and two (2) minors have minor injuries i.e. bruises and abrasions, but remained in camp. No staff injuries have been reported. For safety and security and pending investigation, 11 minors were removed to the Special Housing Unit.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board of any new information as it becomes available.

DB:AR:cj

c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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